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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Competition is the cornerstone of free trade. Take it away and we will be at the mercy of AT&T, the company I dropped because of indifferent service and high prices. Sonic is so much faster and less expensive. Once again we need broadband competition. My wife and I depend on our internet for shopping, doctor appointments, prescription services and staying in touch with family and friends, not to mention streaming movies.

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